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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 17, 1998

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC980101

To implement extended local
service from its Grundy
exchange to the Honaker exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On July 1, 1998, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE South proposed to notify its Grundy exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Honaker exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in BA-VA's Honaker exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Grundy. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Honaker local service area to include Grundy. Subscribers in the Honaker exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local

calling to Grundy. The majority of those responding supported the proposal. Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Grundy to the Honaker exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Grundy subscribers, a poll of those subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2.

NOW, having considered GTE South's application, GTE South's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that GTE South should give notice to its customers in the Grundy exchange of this application; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980101.

(2) On or before September 30, 1998, GTE South customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before

the deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC980101.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before August 31, 1998, GTE South publish the following notice in the Grundy exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange:

NOTICE THAT GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE
AREA OF THE GRUNDY EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE
THE HONAKER EXCHANGE - CASE NO. PUC980101

Telephone subscribers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Honaker exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Grundy exchange. Subscribers in the Honaker exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Grundy exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Honaker exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on GTE South's costs, the Commission determined the following monthly

rates for expanded local service for Grundy customers to call the Honaker exchange. For expanded local calling to Honaker (telephone numbers beginning with 873 and 991) from Grundy (telephone numbers beginning with 935), monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.07; residential Lifeline service, \$0.07; residential measured exchange only service, \$0.05; residential measured economy service, \$0.04; flat rate business service, \$0.16; business key line service, \$0.16; business flat rate trunk service, \$0.36; and business measured service: single line service, \$0.11; key line service, \$0.11; trunk service, \$0.11; and customer owned coin service, \$0.07.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Chris Stiltner, GTE South's local manager for the Grundy service area, at (540) 935-7965. Copies of GTE South's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980101, with the Clerk of the Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before September 30, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Grundy customers, it may consider GTE South's application without a hearing.

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(5) On or before August 31, 1998, GTE South provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Grundy exchange customers, it may consider GTE South's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before October 16, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the number of objections to the proposal.